

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): BLUM, et al.

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Group Art Unit

1741

Examiner:

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Client Ref

Appl. Title:

PROCESS FOR THE APPLICATION  
OF A PROTECTIVE AND  
DECORATIVE LAMINAR STRUCTURE

Sir:

**REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

Date: April 17, 2001

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

**FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

## 1. Small Entity claim

- A. ☒ NOT made  
B. ☐ Withdrawn  
C. ☐ made herewith  
D. ☐ made previously

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**Separate Paper**  
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Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
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3. Independent Claims	1	***minus 3	0	x \$80/\$40 = + \$0	102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) ..... add				+ \$270/\$135 = + \$0	104/204
5. Original due Date: March 18, 2001		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE			
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached		(1 mo) \$110/\$55 = (2 mos) \$390/\$195 = (3 mos) \$890/\$445 = (Usable only for ≤ 2mo.OA --- 4 mos) \$1390/\$695= (Usable only for 30 day/1mo.OA --- 5 mos) \$1890/\$945=	+ \$110		115/215 116/216 117/217 118/218 128/228
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8. Extension Fee Attached			+ \$110		
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee .....			+ \$110/\$55		+ \$0 148/248
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or if Rule 97(d) Request ..... add			+ \$180		126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) .....			+ \$710/355		+ \$0 146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b).....			x \$710/355 ea		+ \$0 149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) .....			+ \$710/355		+ \$0 1179/1279
14. Petition fee for .....			+ \$0		
15. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =			\$110		

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed December 18, 2000, please reconsider application in view of the following remarks:

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REMARKS

Claim 8 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as their invention. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is not apparent what the Examiner means by "the subject matter after "comprising" is not a process step" in claim 8, because the term "comprising is followed by a clear process step "coating". Clarification is requested.

Claim 10, as indicated by the Examiner, is a product claim and it properly depends on the process claim 1, because it defines a product, *i.e.*, "a three-dimensional substrate